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1. IOC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL VII, BERGEN, NORWAY, JUNE 21-26, DECIDED HOLD IOC ASSEMBLY X AT UNESCO HOUSE IN PARIS 27 OCTOBER - 10 NOVEMBER 1977. ONLY DISCUSSION WAS ON LENGTH OF MEETING AND PRECISE DATES. POLITICAL ELEMENTS MUCH LOWER KEY DURING EC SESSION THAN AT LAST ASSEMBLY.

2. SOUTH AFRICAN QUESTION WAS NOT RPT NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED. HOWEVER, SOVIET DEL SEVERAL TIMES REFERRED TO IMPROPER HANDLING OF CLOSURE OF LAST ASSEMBLY BY CHAIRMAN AND INTRODUCED RESOLUTION CALLING FOR RULES OF PROCEDURE AND IOC STATUTES TO BE FOLLOWED QTE PRECISELY AT ALL TIMES UNQTE. US DEL MANAGED HAVE THIS CHANGED TO QTE CAREFULLY UNQTE IN ADOPTED RESOLUTION. SENEGALESE DEL ALSO SPOKE OF IMPROPER ACTIONS AT LAST ASSEMBLY. CHAIRMAN HUMPHREY (AUSTRALIA) DID NOT OBJECT TO RESOLUTION.

3. IN PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS, VARIOUS DELS CONTINUED TO AGREE ON NECESSITY OF DECREASING POLITICIZATION IN IOC, BUT DID NOT OFFER ANY CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS. SOME EXPRESSED

FEELING ONLY THING TO DO IS TRY PLAY DOWN POLITICAL ISSUES IF THEY ARISE AND ATTEMPT CONCENTRATE ATTENTION ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ISSUES. PROBLEM WAS NOT DISCUSSED WITH SOV DEL, WHICH DID NOT RESPOND TO OPPORTUNITIES FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON MOST IOC MATTERS.

4. BRAZILIAN REP FILIPE DI MACEDO STATED EXPECTATION THAT SOUTH AFRICAN QUESTION WOULD ARISE IN UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE AT NAIROBI IN FALL. KISSINGER

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